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SUBJ: EXTENDED INDOCHINA REFUGEE PROGRAM: PAROLE CRITERIA

REF: A. STATE 011375. B. BANGKOK 0939.

1. THIS CABLE SUGGESTS CHANGES TO PAROLE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN REF A. MOST OF OUR SUGGESTED CHANGES ARE MADE FROM THE STAND-POINT OF REMAINING REASONABLY CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS CRITERIA SO THAT CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF REFUGEES ARE NOT ARBITRARILY EXCLUDED WHO WOULD QUALIFY UNDER THE OLD RULES.

2. CATEGORY I AS OUTLINED IN REFTL A IS WORKABLE FROM OUR STANDPOINT. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, URGE THAT IT BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE RELATIVES OF THOSE ON INDEFINITE DEPARTURE STATUS. THIS GROUP DOES NOT NUMBER MORE THAN SEVERAL HUNDRED.

3. WE HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR CATEGORY II. PROPORTIONALLY, THERE ARE FEW CATEGORY II CASES REMAINING (ABOUT 600). WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE TO RESTRICT THE DEFINITION OF THIS RELATIVELY FINITE CATEGORY AT THIS LATE STAGE. MISSION ALSO BELIEVES THAT USG HAS A GREATER MORAL COMMITMENT TO ITS FORMER EMPLOYEES THAN TO ANY OTHER CATEGORY OF REFUGEE.

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4. ON CATEGORY III, OUR VIEWS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THE

DEPARTMENT'S. WE PREFER OUR MORE DETAILED BREAKOUT IN REF B, BECAUSE SUBCRITERIA ARE SPECIFIED. IF DEPARTMENT'S CRITERIA ARE ADOPTED, STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT A SUB-CATEGORY BE INCLUDED FOR FORMER EMPLOYEES OF US COMPANIES, FOUNDATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

5. WE ENDORSE THE CATEGORY IV PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THIS WOULD PROVIDE US WITH THE FLEXIBILITY THAT IS ESSENTIAL FOR UNFORESEEN CASES AND WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO MORE EXTENDED RELATIVES WHOSE PAROLE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY COMPELLING FROM A HUMANITARIAN STANDPOINT.

6. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT EXTENDED FAMILIES

ACCOMPANYING A PRINCIPAL APPLICANT IS DESIRABLE. WE WOULD RESTRICT THE RELATIVES OUTLINED IN REFTEL A (PARA 10) MORE SEVERELY SO THAT ONLY CATEGORY I TYPE RELATIVES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY A PRINCIPAL APPLICANT QUALIFYING FOR PAROLE FROM THAILAND.

7. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE LATEST ESTIMATED NUMBERS AS OF JAN 15 OF REFUGEES ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE:

COUNTRY	IMMEDIATE RELATIVE	FORMER EMPLOYEE	USG	OTHER	TOTAL
LAO	126	534	3,072	3,732	
KHMER	303	10	3,579	3,892	
VIETNAM	838	116	2,771	3,725	
TOTALS	1,267	660	9,422	11,349	

WE AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S INCLINATION TO EXAMINE SELECTED MEO ABSORBED INTO THE US WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES. THE BEST AVAILABLE ESTIMATE (BY THE MAN ON THE SCENE) FOR THIS GROUP IS, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS AND FAMILIES, 2,000 PERSONS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD HOPE TO PARE THIS DOWN SOMEWHAT BY IMPOSING CATEGORY 1 RESTRICTIONS ON ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES. THIS 2,000 ESTIMATE IS INCLUDED IN THE LAO STATISTICS ABOVE UNDER OTHER. THE 2,000 REFUGEE ESTIMATE IS PROPORTIONALLY VERY RESTRICTIVE CONSIDERING THE LARGE NUMBER

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